CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please **amend** the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended):   A method of producing woven flooring, ~~such as, area rugs, runners, carpets, rugs, broadloom, wall to wall, carpet tiles, or the like~~, comprising the steps of:

weaving a woven <u>carpet</u> substrate with a <u>carpet</u> yarn ~~which is at least one of all white (no dye applied), pre-dyed with a single color, pre-dyed with multiple colors, naturally colored, and chemically treated to absorb dyes differently in selected areas of the carpet.~~

dyeing or printing ~~at least one of a background color, design, pattern, border, or the like~~ <u>a design or pattern</u> on the woven <u>carpet</u> substrate <u>by application of dye at discrete locations across the woven carpet substrate</u>,

and cutting or forming the dyed or printed woven <u>carpet</u> substrate into a completed item or product ~~such as an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet tile, carpet, rug, or the like~~ <u>selected from the group consisting of an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet tile, and carpet</u>.

Claim 2 (Canceled):

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Claim 3 (Currently Amended):   ~~The method as recited in claim 1~~ A method of producing woven flooring, comprising the steps of:

weaving a woven carpet substrate with a carpet yarn;

dyeing or printing a design or pattern on the woven carpet substrate by application of a plurality of cooperating dye points at a number of dots per inch (DPI) across the woven carpet;

and cutting or forming the dyed or printed woven carpet substrate into a completed item or product selected from the group consisting of an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet tile, and carpet, wherein the DPI of the applied design or pattern is greater than the ~~DPI~~ number of yarns per inch of the woven carpet substrate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended):   The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the DPI of the design is at least 10X10 and the ~~DPI~~ number of yarns per inch of the woven carpet is less than 10X10.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended):   A woven flooring product, ~~such as an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet, rug, or the like~~ produced by the process of claim 1.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

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Claim 7 (Currently Amend d):   A method of producing sisal-like <u>surface texture</u> woven flooring, ~~such as, area rugs, runners, carpets, rugs broadloom, wall-to-wall, carpet tiles, or the like~~, comprising the steps of:

weaving a woven <u>carpet</u> substrate with a <u>carpet</u> yarn ~~which is at least one of all white (no dye applied), pre-dyed with a single color, pre-dyed with multiple colors, naturally colored, and chemically treated to absorb dyes differently in selected, random or arbitrary areas of the carpet~~ <u>such that the carpet substrate comprises a plurality of interwoven carpet yarns defining a user contact surface having a sisal-like surface texture including plurality of raised knuckles with interstitial depressions between the raised knuckles.</u>

dyeing or printing ~~at least one of a background color, design, pattern, border, or the like~~ <u>a design or pattern</u> on the woven <u>carpet</u> substrate <u>by application of dye at discrete locations across the woven carpet substrate</u>, and

cutting or forming the dyed or printed woven <u>carpet</u> substrate into a completed ~~sisal-like~~ item or product <u>having a sisal-like surface texture,</u> ~~such as an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet tile, carpet, rug, or the like~~ <u>wherein said item or product is selected from the</u>

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group consisting of an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet tile, and
carpet.

Claim 8 (Canceled):

Claim 9 (Currently Amended):   ~~The method as recited in claim 7~~ A method of
producing sisal-like surface texture woven flooring, comprising the steps of:

weaving a woven carpet substrate with a carpet yarn such that the
carpet substrate comprises a plurality of interwoven carpet yarns
defining a user contact surface having a sisal-like surface texture
including plurality of raised knuckles with interstitial depressions
between the raised knuckles.

dyeing or printing a design or pattern on the woven carpet
substrate by application of a plurality of cooperating dye points at a
number of dots per inch (DPI) across the woven carpet; and

cutting or forming the dyed or printed woven carpet substrate into a
completed item or product having a sisal-like surface texture,
wherein said item or product is selected from the group consisting
of an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet tile, and carpet, wherein
the DPI of the applied design is greater than the ~~DPI~~ number of
yarns per inch of the woven carpet substrate.

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Claim 10 (Currently Amended):   The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the DPI of the design is at least 10X10 and the ~~DPI~~ number of yarns per inch of the woven carpet is less than 10X10.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended):   A ~~sisal-like~~ flooring product, ~~such as an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet, rug, or the like~~ produced by the process of claim 7.

Claims 12-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended).   ~~The method as recited in claim 13~~ A method of producing a flooring having a woven surface texture, comprising the steps of:

chemically treating a woven carpet substrate having a face formed from a plurality of interwoven carpet yarns such that said carpet substrate is adapted to absorb dyes differently in different areas of the carpet,

dyeing or printing a design or pattern on the treated substrate by application of a plurality of cooperating dye points at a number of dots per inch (DPI) across the woven carpet,

and cutting or forming the dyed or printed substrate into a completed item or product selected from the group consisting of an area rug, runner, floor mat, carpet tile and carp t, wh rein the DPI of the applied design is

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greater than the ~~DPI~~ number of carpet yarns per inch of the carpet

substrate.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A flooring product, ~~such as an area rug, runner, floor~~

~~mat, carpet, rug, or the like~~ produced by the process of claim ~~13~~ 15.